

Storytimes prepare your child to read and succeed!

Storytimes teach pre-reading skills
necessary to learn to read:

1. Print motivation

The child must be interested in and enjoy books,
and want to learn to read!

2. Print Awareness

The child must know how to use a book—know
front and back, top and bottom, the pages turn
this way, the book works left to right, the text
goes this way, and that the text tells a story.

3. Letter Knowledge

The child must see letters and recognize that
they look different from each other, that they
have names and make different sounds.

4. Narrative Skills

The child must be able to tell a story, to describe
events with a beginning, middle and an end in
order to build a framework for reading so that
the child becomes familiar with how language
and stories flow rather than having to learn to
read words in isolation.

5. Phonological Awareness

The child must be able to hear and play with
the smaller sounds in words: they must hear
the syllables leading them to be able to sound
out a word.

6. Vocabulary

The child must know the names of things, have
heard lots and lots of words and have been
exposed to a variety of language.

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storytime Programs

at your seminoe county
Public Library



www.seminolecountyfl.gov/library/kids

storytime programs at the Library
promote reading!



seminole county public library has five branches offering storytime programs for babies, toddlers, preschool and schoolage children. The storytimes are fun, interactive programs featuring books, rhymes, music and puppets.

check out the online calendar of programs at www.seminolecountyfl.gov/library/kids or call your local branch.

storytime programs are age-appropriate and present books and rhymes in a variety of ways to:

- stimulate the child's brain and language development
- foster the child's pre-reading skills
- model for parents how to share a book with a child and incorporate literacy skills
- assist parents in selecting age and developmentally appropriate books that their child will enjoy
- enhance the child's social development
- raise the child's self-esteem
- reinforce concepts the child must know before entering kindergarten
- increase the child's attention span
- and develop a life-long love of reading.



storytime programs target the early childhood years. 50% of human intellectual development takes place between birth and four years of age before the child even begins formal education, another 30% by age 8!



storytime programs that are fun develop a child's love of books and reading!

seminole county public librarians believe in the importance of sharing books with children that encourage the child to participate in the story—all of our programs feature lots and lots of participation opportunities.

participation:

- increases the child's attention span
- promotes self-esteem
- teaches pre-reading narrative skills
- fosters social interaction
- and is fun!



children who attend storytime programs are likely to become life-long library users and instill a love of reading in their own children.

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